

EAGLE SPRING LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 21, 2008

**Approved Minutes**

Tom Day, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Eagle Spring Lake Management District to order at 7:30 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were, Matthew Thew, Nick Wambach, Town of Eagle Representative Don Malek, and Waukesha County Representative Pamela Meyer. Jim Pasterski arrived at approximately 7:50pm and Nate Cobb was excused. There was one resident present and guest speaker Ben Heussner (DNR Fish Biologist).

**Approval of Minutes** – N. Wambach made a **Motion** to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2008 meeting; second by M. Thew, motion carried.

**Weed Harvesting/Collection/Chemical Treatment** – T. Day gave a special thank you to John Mann and Rob Day who helped with the task of getting the pier and shore conveyor out of the water and the truck is parked for the winter. The harvester was removed on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Another special thank you went to John Mann, John Rageth, Matt Thew, and Nate Cobb for the removal of the buoys from the water. John Mann, Jim Wilhelm and T. Day met with Aquarius Systems to explore the different sized harvesters and options available for purchase. Grant funding to help with the costs of a new harvester will be pursued with 2010 being the earliest anticipated date of purchase. The yearly harvest report is in the process of being finalized and it shows that there was a lot more Northern Milfoil cut and harvested this year.

**Lake Restoration/Boating Practices Committee** – There were no updates.

**Lake Water Level Issue** – On October 6<sup>th</sup> SEWRPC met with the DNR along with Pat Morton, John Mann, N. Wambach and T. Day to discuss the Environmental Assessment (EA) thus far. The next meeting with SEWRPC and the DNR is scheduled to take place on November 19<sup>th</sup> with the draft EA expected to be available approximately one week before the meeting.

**Mill Race Modifications (Compliance for passage of 500 year flood)** – T. Day reported at the EA meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup> Mike Hahn (SEWRPC Hydrologist) told the DNR that he doesn't believe that the ESLMD watershed is as big as it was in the past, which means that not as much water is behind our dam as previously anticipated by G.A.S. With the current G.A.S. data we would also need to go to a 48" or 2 culverts to carry the water under Hwy E at the District Mill Race. A hydrology and hydraulics study may be useful in obtaining better data and less costly than a new dam failure analysis. East Troy Valley groundwater study shows that our watershed has also shrunk.

**Public Boat Launch** – T. Day commented that SEWRPC has sent out their analysis of the DNR's stormwater drainage plans and the next Town of Eagle Planning Commission meeting is expected to take place on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Lake Patrol** – D. Malek presented the year end lake patrol report from May 2008 through September 28, 2008. The new boat will be picked up in January and the old Bimini top was put on the new boat along with new LED lights. The other boat has been cleaned and is ready for sale. There were no accidents on the lake this year. There were a total of 62 citations issued during 205 hours of patrol. Twenty-two students completed the boat safety class and passed. Dennis Nork's concern about the kids' safety at the public launch and not wanting the kids to do safety inspections was expressed. Dennis also recommended the board consider a speed limit on the lake of 50 MPH. P. Meyer commented that our lake had a lot more big boats this year when the other lakes were closed due to high water conditions and expressed the desire for a slow-no-wake during high water conditions. T. Day plans to pursue a slow-no-wake ordinance during high water conditions and will ask the boating safety committee to take a look at a possible speed limit on the lake and have them present it to the residents once again. For further details of the lake patrol report, please see our website at [www.eaglespringlake.us](http://www.eaglespringlake.us).

**High Capacity Shallow Water Wells** – There were no updates.

## **New Business**

**DNR Spring 08 Fish Study/Discussion** – Ben Heussner gave a presentation on the fisheries in Eagle Spring Lake. The DNR did an extensive survey netting last spring on the lake and every 8 years this sampling will be repeated. There are 29 species of fish in the lake with an estimated 4,300 of them being carp. Carp are known to eat zebra mussels. De to the number of carp in the lake the District may consider having commercial fishermen remove some of the carp. At the end of June this year the DNR stocked 4200 Northern (approximately 7" in length) in the lake with a continued yearly stocking expected until we can get a healthy Northern population. The Board expressed concerns of the stocking being near the dam and would like to have the fish stocked at different locations around the lake. Ben was willing to work with the District if we would like to bucket them to other areas around the lake. A more comprehensive report should be available at the end of February 2009.

**Financial Update and Payment of Bills – Motion** made by J. Pasterski to approve and pay the bills, including a payment Ayres & Associate bill for \$680.87 & Town of Eagle for \$326.00 that will be included on the November check detail; second by D. Malek, motion carried. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter report showed that overall we are within the budget, revenues are over budget and expenses are under budget.

At 9:29 p.m., J. Pasterski moved to adjourn, second by D. Malek, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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